

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

The pending claims, including amended claims, are as follows:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Previously Presented) A cylinder head, comprising:  
a cylinder head body having  
an engagement surface for receiving a rocker box; and  
a side portion that defines an intake port,  
wherein the cylinder head body defines a substantially straight duct from the  
engagement surface to the intake port, and  
wherein the duct extends at an oblique angle relative to the engagement surface.
9. (Original) A cylinder head according to claim 8, wherein the duct is entirely  
internal to the cylinder head.
10. (Original) A cylinder head according to claim 8, wherein the cylinder head is  
under vacuum to draw gases through the duct to the intake port.
11. (Original) A cylinder head according to claim 8, further comprising a vacuum  
source drawing gases through the duct to the intake port.

12. (Cancelled).
13. (Cancelled).
14. (Cancelled).
15. (Cancelled).
16. (Cancelled).
17. (Currently amended) An internal combustion engine, comprising:  
a crankcase;  
a cylinder mounted to the crankcase;  
a cylinder head mounted to the cylinder, the cylinder head including ~~a rocker box~~  
~~mounting surface;~~  
an engagement surface; and  
a side portion that defines an intake port;  
a rocker box mounted to the ~~rocker box mounting~~ engagement surface; and  
an intake system coupled to the intake port,  
wherein the cylinder head defines a substantially straight duct at an oblique angle  
relative to the engagement surface, and  
wherein the duct extends from the engagement surface to the intake port  
wherein the cylinder head defines a duct system extending from the rocker box  
mounting surface to the intake system.
18. (Currently Amended) An engine according to claim 17, wherein the duct system has a first portion extending to the rocker box mounting surface, a second portion extending to a line leading to the intake system, and a third portion connecting the first portion and the second portion.
19. (Original) An engine according to claim 18, wherein the intake system comprises an intake manifold mounted to a side of the cylinder head, and wherein the line leads to the intake manifold.

20. (Currently Amended) An engine according to claim 17, wherein the duct **system** is under a pressure differential to draw gases through the duct **system** to the intake system.

21. (Currently Amended) An engine according to claim 17, further comprising a vacuum source in fluid communication with the intake system drawing gases through the duct **system** to the intake system.

22. (Currently Amended) An engine according to claim 17, wherein the duct **system** is entirely internal to the cylinder head.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Cancelled).